

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Mid-America Transplant Services (MTS) in Springfield, Missouri, which will receive the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Salute to Health Care Award during the organization's banquet to be held October 14, 2003; and

**Whereas**, MTS serves thirteen hospitals in the Springfield area and maintains seven local staff members who work with more than sixty volunteers to accomplish public awareness and community education and support for organ and tissue donation; and

**Whereas**, MTS assumed responsibility for organ donation in the Springfield area in 1991, at which time there were only four vital organ donors in the Springfield area; and

**Whereas**, in February 1995, MTS took over responsibility for tissue donation in the Springfield area, with the exception of cornea donation which is under the purview of the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation; and

**Whereas**, MTS has worked closely with many other community service organizations including the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, Rotary International, Knights of Columbus, Children's Miracle Network, and Council of Churches, just to name a few; and

**Whereas**, MTS developed a "one-call" hotline for area hospitals and others to utilize when donation is to be pursued, created an "in-house operating room" for tissue donations, and established the Family Support Services Department for families of potential vital organ donors; and

**Whereas**, since its inception, MTS has maintained a physical presence in the Springfield area by serving thirteen hospitals as well as the community in an effort to increase organ donation and to save the lives of many Greene County residents:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Mid-America Transplant Services upon its most worthy receipt of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Salute to Health Care Award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mid-America Transplant Services in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Roy W. Holand  
District No. 135

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4275, adopted September 29, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker